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Applicant : Hugh E. McLoone et al.

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**For : COMPUTER INPUT DEVICE WITH
DIGIT SUPPORT AND NATURAL
POSITION ACTUATORS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Siri:

This Amendment is before the first Office Action for this case. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 4, 13, 15, 19-22, and 24.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5-7, 14, 16-18, and 25 as follows:

1. (Amended) A mouse input device for a computer system, the mouse capable of being moved across a working surface to move a displayed object on a computer display, the mouse comprising:

 - an upper casing [providing a contact point for contacting a user's palm when a user manipulates the mouse];
 - a bottom surface designed to face the working surface;
 - a thumb pinching area located on a side of the mouse proximate the bottom surface [such that a user's thumb rests in the thumb pinching area when the user's palm is in contact with the contact point];

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